

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, as indicated in the claim listing above, the Applicant has clarified the previous cancellation of claim 9, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121.

Claims 1-8, 10-20 are pending in the instant application, and claims 1-8, and 10-20 stand subject to election requirement, as stated in the Official Action mailed by the Office on 28 October 2005 (hereinafter, the "Action").

As stated on Page 2 of the Action, the Office states that the applicant contains claims directed to patentably distinct species. The indicated species correspond to Figures 2-3, Figure 4, Figure 5, and Figure 6.

In response thereto, the Applicant elects without traverse to prosecute claims directed to the species shown in Figures 2-3. The Applicant further submits that at least claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-16, and 18-19 are readable on the elected species shown in Figures 2-3.


The Applicant requests favorable action on all claims readable on the elected species at the earliest convenience of the Office.

Conclusion

The Applicant requests prompt and favorable action on this application at the earliest convenience of the Office. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

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